Haryana during March-April 1989. Based on the feedback of the first field trial, the system was upgraded and second field trial was conducted at Tuni, Andhra Pradesh during July, September 1989.

Expansion of postal communication network in Assam

4600. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for expansion of postal communication service network in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) The targets for opening of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, Departmental Sub Post Offices and Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras for expansion of postal communications service for the year 2000-2001 in the State of Assam are yet to be finalized.

(d) Post offices are opened subject to justification as per prescribed norms. The opening of new post offices depends upon availability of resources such as funds and sanctioning of posts by Ministry of Finance.

Replacement of MARR

†4601. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to replace the existing Multi Access Radio Reception System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the new system with which this system is proposed to be replaced; and

(c) by when it is planned to the completed?

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.